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HER Majesty having granted a Commission under the Great Seal, for passing the Royal Assent to a Bill agreed to by both Houses of Parliament, Yesterday the Lords Commissioners sent a Message to the House of Commons by Mr. Allston, Deputy-Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, to desire the House to come up to the House of Peers, with their Speaker, to be present at the passing thereof. The Speaker and the House went up accordingly, and the Lords Commissioners passed the Royal Assent to a Bill, Entituled, *An Act for the speedy and effectual Recruiting her Majesty's Land-Forces and Marines for the Service of the Year 1708.*

By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION.

ANNE R.

WHereas by an Act past this present Sessions of Parliament, for the speedy and effectual Recruiting Her Majesty's Land-Forces and Marines, It is amongst other things enacted, That all Persons which were Nominated Commissioners for putting in Execution the Land-Tax-Act for the Year 1708, and such as are made Commissioners for putting in Execution the Land-Tax-Act passed this present Sessions of Parliament for the Year 1709, who shall have qualified themselves as the said Land-Tax-Acts, and the said Act for Recruiting Her Majesty's Land-Forces and Marines do require, and all Justices of the Peace and Magistrates of Corporations and Burghs, who shall likewise qualify themselves, as the said Act for Recruiting Her Majesty's Land-Forces and Marines does require, shall be Commissioners for putting the said last mentioned Act in Execution within their respective Jurisdictions; And by the said Act, all such Commissioners as reside on the South-side of the River Tay, *are directed to assemble together within their respective Jurisdictions on or before the 22d Day of* February *next ensuing; and such as live on the North-side of the said River are to meet together, in like manner, on or before the first Day of* March *next after, at such Places as have been the most common and usual Places for the first General Meetings of the Commissioners of the several Land-Taxes; and if any Person shall voluntarily appear before any of the said Commissioners for raising Recruits at any of the said General Meetings, and Enter himself into Her Majesty's Service, he shall have and receive, by Warrant of any two of the said Commissioners, 4 l. of Lawful Mony of* Great Britain, *out of the Moneys which shall be in the Hands of any Receivers or Collectors of the Land-Taxes for the Years 1708 and 1709, within the respective Limits of the said Commissioners; and such Volunteers shall be delivered over to the Officers and Persons appointed to receive them (an Entry being first made by the Clerk attending such Commissioners, of the Names of such Volunteers, the Places from whence they came, the time when they were so Listed, the Sums paid, and by whom, and who was the Officer received them, and for what Regiment they were so received, and Duplicates of such Entries signed by three or more of the Commissioners shall be transmitted to the Office of Her Majesty's Secretary at War, within 30 Days after each of the said General Meetings) and the Pay of such Volunteer is to commence from the time of his Entring himself in this manner; and the Commissioners present at such General Meeting shall subdivide themselves, and the rest of the Commissioners, so as three, at least, may be appointed for the Service of each Division, but not so as to restrain any Commissioner from acting in any other place where he shall be a Commissioner; and the major part of the Commissioners so assembled at the first General Meeting, are to appoint other Places, not exceeding eight in each County, Riding or Stewartry, for receiving Volunteers, and Listing Soldiers, and the Names of such Places shall be certified by three or more of the said Commissioners, into the said Office of Secretary at War; and the said second General Meeting is to be on the first Day of* March *1708, for all the Commissioners on the South-side of the said River* Tay; *and on the 8th Day of the same Month* March, *for those Commissioners which are on the North-side the said River; and the major part of the Commissioners so met at such second General Meeting shall adjourn themselves to a further Day, not exceeding eight Days from the time of such second General Meeting, for the Listing at the same Places respectively such able-bodied Men as shall, after the time allowed for Volunteers to come in, be taken up, to which Place the Parish and Town-Officers within every respective Division and Jurisdiction shall bring all such persons as are to be Listed by Vertue of the said Act, in order to be there examined by the Commissioners, and to be delivered over as aforesaid: And it is thereby further Enacted, That any three or more of the said Commissioners in their respective Stations shall be Authorized to Raise and Levy at any time after such second General Meeting is over, and before the second Day of* March, *1709, according to the Computation used in* England, *such able-bodied Men as do not follow or exercise any lawful Calling or Employment, or have not some other lawful and sufficient Support and Maintenance, to serve Her Majesty as Soldiers; and in order thereto, they are to issue forth Warrants under the Hands and Seals of three or more of the Commissioners, requiring all Parish and Town-Officers within their respective Jurisdictions, to make searches within their respective Limits and Precincts for all Persons which shall be within the afore-mentioned Description, and to bring them before such Commissioners as have Authority to execute the said Acts at such times and place as shall be prefixed in the said Warrants or Precepts respectively; but the first Warrants are to be issued so timely, as that a General Search may be made, and the Persons found on the South-side the River* Tay, *to be within the afore-mentioned Description, may be brought before the Commissioners, who shall be present at the places appointed on that side the said River, on the 8th Day of* March, *1708, according to the Computation used in* England; *and such as shall be found on the North-side of the said River within the said Description, may be brought before the Commissioners who shall be present at the places on that side the River appointed in such Warrants, on the 15th of the same Month; but if any Parish or Town-Officers do suspect that any Person within the Description afore-mentioned are lurking within their respective Limits and Precincts, they may search for, apprehend and secure all such Persons, without carrying for such Warrant or Precept from the Commissioners, provided they carry them before the Commissioners at their next Meeting within their respective Precincts, to be Examined, and if adjudged qualified to be Listed and delivered into Her Majesty's Service; And whenever the Commissioners shall adjudge any one to be a Person qualified to be Listed, and shall cause him to be delivered over to such Officer or Person as shall be appointed to receive Men into Her Majesty's Service, they shall take a Receipt under the Hand of such Person, acknowledging the Receipt of such Listed Man; and any three or more of the said Commissioners then present shall issue a Warrant in Writing for payment, out of the Land-Tax Mony as aforesaid, to the Persons who shall bring in the Men so Listed, the Sum of 20 s. for every Man so Raised, for their pains and good Service therein, and the Sum of 6 d. per Day for the keeping every such New-raised Soldier for every day such Listed Person shall be kept in his Custody 'till such delive-*

ry as aforesaid: And if there be more than one concerned in the bringing in any Person to be Listed, and there arise any dispute concerning the Distribution of the aforesaid Allowances, the Majority of the Commissioners then present are to order the Distribution; and for the Encouragemen of the Inhabitants of every Parish and Township to aid and assist this Service, and to enable them to provide for the poor Relations of such Persons as shall be so Listed (if any such be) it is Enacted, That any three or more of the said Commissioners, who shall be present at the listing of any Person, shall issue a Warrant in like manner as aforesaid, for paying out of the Land-Tax Mony, the Sum of 3 l. to the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of such Parish and Township, for the use of such Parish or Township for every Man that shall be raised there, and all such Rewards and Encouragements are to be satisfied by such Receivers or Collectors as aforesaid, to whom such Warrant shall be directed, without any Abatement for Fees, Gratuities, Charges, Poundage, or any other pretence whatsoever; and the said Receivers and their Deputies and Collectors, upon Summons given them by the said Commissioners or any Three of them, are to give Attendance at the said Meeting, for receiving Volunteers or listing Soldiers as aforesaid, and duly pay the said Rewards and Encouragement; And when any Person shall be so Listed, the Commissioners shall cause the 14th and 23d Articles of War against Mutiny and Desertion to be read to such New raised Men, and shall forthwith cause an Entry to be made in some Book for the purpose to be prepared, of the Name of the Person so Listed, and of the Parish and Place of his last Abode, and of the Time and Place when and where such New raised Man is delivered over to the Persons appointed to receive him, and for what Regiment he is so received and the Names of the Persons who receive him, and the Sums for which Warrants shall be issued as aforesaid, and the Names of the Receivers and Collectors to whom such Warrants shall be directed; and Duplicates of such Entrie signed by three or more of the Commissioners, within 30 Days after delivery of such Listed Man, shall be transmitted into the Office of Secretary at War; and the Pay of such listed Man is to commence from the time of his being taken and secured. And it is thereby likewise Enacted, That from and after such delivery and reading the said Articles of War, every Person so raised shall be deemed as a listed Soldier, and shall be subject to the Discipline of War; but no person so listed or entring himself as a Volunteer upon the said Act, shall be liable to be taken out of her Majesty's Service by any Process, other than some Criminal Matter. And if any Parish or Town Officer shall be guilty of any wilful neglect or default in the Execution of any Warrant or Order to him directed, he may be Fined for such Offence by any three or more of the said Commissioners, in any Sum not not exceeding 10 l. to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods; the one Moiety of which Fines is to be paid to the Informer, the other to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor, for the use of the Poor of the said Parish where such Offence shall be committed; and every other person who shall wilfully obstruct the Execution of the said Act shall be punish'd in like manner, and all such Offences shall be inquired of, heard, and finally determined by any two or more of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, dwelling in or near the place where such Offence shall be committed, who have power to Levy the said Penalties upon the Offender's Goods (if he has any,) if he has not sufficient to answer the said Penalties, then to commit him or her to the County Goal or House of Correction for the space of three Months without Bail or Mainprize: But it is thereby provided, That no person who has a Vote in any Election of any Member to serve in Parliament shall be taken and listed for a Soldier, neither shall any Military Officer, other than in the Militia, put in Execution any Power given by the said Act. And it is thereby further Enacted, That from and after the 10th Day of February next ensuing, no private Soldier who hath Entred himself or been Listed into Her Majesty's Service, shall, during the time such Soldier shall remain in Great Britain, be Discharged without the Consent of the Colonel, or in his Absence, the Field Officer commanding in Chief the Regiment, first had and obtained in Writing under their Hands and Seals, in which Writing the Cause of his Discharge shall be expressed, and a Copy of every such Discharge shall be forthwith transmitted to the Secretary at War; and any Officer that shall presume to Discharge any Soldier in any other manner is to Cashiered, and every Soldier who under colour or pretence of any Discharge (other than as afore said) shall quit the Service, shall be punished as a Deserter; but whatever Soldier shall Enter himself as a Volunteer upon the said Act, and shall continue three Years in Her Majesty's Service, shall be at Liberty, if he thinks fit, to Demand his Discharge from the Colonel of the Regiment to which he shall belong. And in regard it may be necessary for the Commissioners at their first General Meeting to appoint Clerks to attend them at the subsequent Meetings, It is enacted, That the Clerks which shall be so appointed shall be paid by the Pay-Master of the Forces, such Rewards as the Lord High Treasurer, upon Consideration of the List of the Names of the Persons listed, returned by the said Clerks, shall judge they may deserve; and the said Commissioners intrusted with the Execution of the said Act are thereby directed to use their best Endeavours, that the Soldiers they shall receive as Volunteers, or which they shall List for Her Majesty's Land-Forces or Marines, be such as are fit to serve Her Majesty, and are not under the Stature of Five Foot and Five Inches; And every Commissioner within England, Wales, and Berwick upon Tweed, who did not qualify himself to act as a Commissioner for the Land-Tax Act, passed in the Sixth Year of Her Majesty's Reign, is required to take the Oaths appointed to be taken by the Statute of the First of William and Mary, and by the Statute Intituled, An Act for the further Security of His Majesty's Person, and the Succession of the Crown in the Protestant Line, and for extinguishing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales, and all other Pretenders, and their open and secret Abettors, under the Penalty of forfeiting 200 l. if not so qualified when he shall act. And every Commissioner in Scotland, except such as duly Qualified themselves according to the Laws in Scotland for executing the Land-Tax Act, which passed in the said Sixth Year of Her Majesty's Reign, must qualify himself according to the Laws in Scotland for that purpose, under the Penalty of Forfeiting 50 l. for acting in Scotland not being qualified. And it is thereby further enacted, That in case there be not a sufficient Number of Commissioners in any City, Borough, Town, Port or Place, to put the said Act in Execution, the Commissioners appointed to act in the Counties, Shires and Stewartries at large, may be capable of acting within such Cities, Boroughs, Towns, Ports and Places, as lie within such respective Counties, Shires or Stewartries, or near the same, provided every such Commissioner for Counties and Ridings in Yorkshire, by himself or his Tenants, was Taxed or did Pay in such County or Riding to the value of 100 l. per Ann. or more of his own Estate, by Vertue of the said Land-Tax Act, passed in the Sixth Year of Her Majesty's Reign; or unless such Person at the time of Execution of the said Act for Recruiting Her Majesty's Forces, by himself, his Tenants or Trustees, shall enjoy an Estate of Lands or Hereditaments of the said value of 100 l. per Ann. within the said County or Riding. But any Person qualified to act as a Commissioner in any part of Great Britain, may act within any City, Borough, Cinque-Port, or Town-Corporate, whereof he shall be an Inhabitant at the time of the Execution of the said Act; and Mayors, Bailiffs, and other chief Magistrates of Cities, Boroughs, Towns-Corporate, and Cinque-Ports, for which Commissioners are specially appointed, may act in the said Cities, Boroughs, Towns-Corporate, and Cinque-Ports. And to avoid Inconveniencies which may happen by pressing Men during Harvest, it is Enacted, That from the First of June next until the Fifteenth of October following, all Persons working at Harvest shall not be Impress, as being free and exempted therefrom; But Bailiffs Followers and Assistants shall not be deemed exempt from Pressing, upon account of their following such Calling and Employment, as in and by the said Act among other things therein contained may more fully appear.

Her Majesty duly considering how necessary it is that the said Act should effectually and speedily be put in Execution, hath thought fit to give as early Notice of the Purposes of the said Act as may be, That all Her Subjects in all Parts of Great Britain may be truly informed of their respective Duties in relation to the Premises, and for that end doth publish this Her Royal Proclamation (by and with the Advice of Her Privy-Council) hereby (strictly) Charging and Commanding All Officers and Magistrates whatever, who are Authorized to put the said Act in Execution, That they use their utmost Diligence to answer the Ends and Designs of the said Act. And she does Enjoin and Require all Her

Lieges Subjects to be Aiding and Assisting herein, on Pain of Her high Displeasure, and Incurring such Punishment as may by Law be inflicted on those who shall neglect so necessary a Service.

Given at Our Court at *St. James's*, this Twenty Seventh Day of *January*, 1708. In the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

God save the QUEEN.

At the Court at St. James's, January 27. 1708.

PRESENT.

The Queen's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

SHERIFFS appointed for

Derby,	*George Sacheverell* of *Calloe*, Esq;
Devon,	*Richard Triste*, Esq;
Salop,	*Robert Burton* of *Longnor*, Esq;
Suffolk,	*John Sheppard*, Esq;
Sussex,	*Peter Courtop*, Esq;
Anglesey,	*John Griffith*, Esq;
Carmarthen,	*Richard Phillips*, Esq;
Glamorgan,	*Thomas Button*, Esq;

THIS Day, by Her Majesty's Command, the Right Honourable *Robert* Lord *Lexington* was Sworn of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council, pursuant to an Act passed the last Session of Parliament in that behalf, Entituled, *An Act for Rendring the Union of the two Kingdoms more Entire and Compleat*, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

And likewise, by her Majesty's Command, *Thomas Smith*, Esq; was sworn one of the Clerks of her Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council in Extraordinary, pursuant to the said Act.

St. James's, Jan. 28. The two following Addresses of Condolance and Congratulation were presented to her Majesty by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of *Cholmondeley*.

The humble Address of the High-Sheriff, Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen and Grand-Jury of the County of *Carnarvon*, assembled at the General Sessions of the Peace held for the same County at *Carnarvon* the 13th Day of *January*, 1708.

The humble Address of the Lord-Lieutenant, *Custos Rotulorum*, Deputy-Lieutenants, High-Sheriff and Justices of the Peace of the County of *Dunbigh*, and other Gentlemen of that County.

Both which Addresses her Majesty received very graciously.

Whitehall, January 29. Her Majesty having been Graciously pleased, upon the arrival of two young Muscovite Princes, to distinguish them as near Relations to his Czarish Majesty, by giving order for their being received and entertained at her Charge, and attended by her Officers; The said Princes, to shew the grateful Sense they have of her Majesty's particular Favours to them, desired to be admitted to an Audience, to which they were accordingly introduced by the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary Boyle, on Sunday the 23d Instant. They each of them made their Compliments to her Majesty in Latin, expressing, with great Respect, the true and humble Sense of Gratitude with which they acknowledged and should always have the Satisfaction to remember the singular Marks of Kindness, which her Majesty was pleased abundantly to heap upon them. And at the same time that they Congratulated her Majesty upon the signal Success of her Victorious Arms, they wished her a long and prosperous continuation of the same. To which her Majesty made Answer in a most Gracious manner, That she had so much Esteem and Friendship for his Czarish Majesty, that she could not but be very well pleased to see any so nearly Related to him in her Kingdoms, and have an Opportunity of shewing her Kindness and Distinction to them. Her Majesty thanked them for their Congratulations and good Wishes, and was pleased to say she would endeavour to make their Stay here as agreeable to them as she could.

Copenhagen, January 22. *N. S.* A great Fleet of Merchant Ships, which lay for some time in our Road, have contracted with the Officers of his Majesty's Customs to open their way into the great Basin of this City. The Ice was so very thick that it seem'd at first Impracticable to break a Canal through it for their passage, but a great Progress is made in that Work by the continual Labour of 1100 Men for the space of three Weeks, and it is hoped that within 14 Days it will be finished, and the Vessels formed into a Line to pass through into the Basin. The Passage which they have made is above 4 British Miles in length. The Cold has been so severe that numbers of poor People have been frozen to Death, and several Centinels found dead when the Officers have visited the Posts on the Ramparts. The 10th Instant having been the Day appointed for pronouncing a Funeral Oration on the Death of his Royal Highness Prince George, that mournful Office was performed by Monsieur Winding the Greek Professor, by Order of the Rector Magnificus of this University. Prince Charles, the Privy Councellors, and all the Great Officers of the Court, appeared in the Audience. Mr. Pulteney, the British Envoy, having receiv'd an Invitation in the name of the Rector and the University, was also present. The Gentleman who performed this Ceremony received the thanks of all Persons of Distinction, for the Justice he has done to the Remains of a Prince so highly esteemed by the Court, and beloved by the whole People of Denmark.

Frankfort, January 22. *N. S.* Letters from Ratisbone say, That the Diet had re-assumed their Debates concerning the present State of War, and have had under Consideration what Troops will be necessary for the ensuing Campaign, in order to proportion their Train of Artillery, and the Quantity of other Stores and Provisions to the Number of their Forces. It is said that a Sum of Mony will be forthwith sent hither for hiring Troops into the Service of the Empire. The Minister of the Elector of Mayence, Director of the Diet, has laid before them a Proposal for reinforcing the Imperial Army. The several Princes of the Empire are to send in the following Proportions; the Elector of Mayence 2000, Elector of Treves 800, the Elector Palatine and the Upper Palatinate 6000; the City of Cologne 1000, the other part of that Electorate 300, the Circle of Bohemia 5000, the Upper Circle of Saxony 6000, Austria is to bring in 10000, Franconia 9000, the Circle of Suabia 10000, that of the Upper Rhine, including the Quota of the Landgrave of Hesse-Cassel 6000; Westphalia 10000, the Lower Saxony 10000, and Bavaria 6000.

Whereas Jonathan Shere, Gent. does pretend to Protection from his Grace the Duke of Grafton, under Colour of being his Grace's Servant: His Grace does hereby give notice, to prevent any Person being imposed on, that the said Jonathan Shere is not his Servant, nor any way protected by him.

The Governor and Company of Merchants of London Trading into the East Indies, commonly called the Old Company, do hereby give notice, That a General Court of their Adventurers is appointed to be holden at the East-India House in Leadenhall street, London, on Thursday next, being the third of February, 1708, at 11 a-Clock in the Forenoon, about special Affairs.

The Governor and Company of Merchants of London Trading into the East-Indies, commonly called the Old Company, do hereby give notice, That all Persons who have any of their Bonds, may come to their House in Leadenhall-street, London, and exchange the same for other Bonds under the United Company's Seal, bearing Interest at 6 per Cent. per Ann. from the 30th of September last.

A General Court of all the Aventurers of the Royal African Company of England is appointed to be held at their House in Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday the 1st of February next, at 11 a-Clock in the Forenoon, about special Affairs.

The Court of Directors of the English Company Trading to the East-Indies give notice, That a General Court of the said Company will be held at Skinner's Hall, on Thursday the 3d of February next, at 11 in the Forenoon precisely, on special Business.

The Court of Directors of the Bank of England give notice, That a General Court will be held at the Bank, on Wednesday the second of February next, at 11 in the Forenoon, upon Extraordinary Affairs.

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